

station of Mrs. L. J. Beardsley at Watkins Glen on stormy days. Pine Grosbeaks were reported on the midwinter census at Elmira, and were also seen near Wellsville. This has very definitely been an Evening Grosbeak winter. They have been common in Hammondsport since November, being there yet on March 10; flocks in some numbers have also wintered at Watkins Glen, Elmira, Odessa, Rock Stream and Andover, at the latter place 35 having been banded by Mr. Huber Watson. A few banded grosbeaks came to feeding stations in Wellsville, but were not captured. Cardinals began singing in Hammondsport on February 11, and these birds continue to increase numerically all through the area. A few Redpolls were present in late fall, but none during the winter. I heard first Song Sparrow in song on February 13. Snow Buntings in large flocks have been quite general over the area, some flocks numbering above a thousand individuals, many of them with a scattering of Lapland Longspurs included.

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REGION 3 — LAKE ONTARIO

This has been a normal winter in almost every respect. There have been no really severe storms and the accumulation of snow on the ground has not been great at any time. Yet there has been some snow at almost all times and we have had no extensive periods of thawing weather. Precipitation has been average and there has been little open water on any except the largest bodies of water.

Bird life in this area has shown a similar consistent pattern. The number of half-hardy species wintering is much less than last year. The normal population shifts of late winter have perhaps been less marked than usual, especially among waterfowl. There is no indication to date (March 9th) of how the Spring migration will develop, except in the case of Geese mentioned below.

LOONS — DUCKS:

Loons and Grebes rare all winter. One Great Blue Heron on Feb. 20th (Listman), Canada Geese absent since early January but at this writing, early March, several hundred have been seen over Rochester.

Two Wood Ducks at Ling Road in early January, one last reported Feb. 4 (Miller). Normal wintering ducks present in usual numbers.

HAWKS — OWLS:

Red tailed and Marsh Hawks increasing by mid-February. A few Rough-legged Hawks scattered through the winter. Two Bald Eagles moving west along the Lakeshore on February 15 (Luebner and Moon).

Probable Kumliens Gull at Summerville Feb. 10 (Moon) Gr. Black-backed Gulls plentiful; White winged Gulls rather scarce; Bonaparte's not reported after late December. Owls well represented, except Snowy's. Three Barred Owls at Bergen Swamp, Feb. 24 (G. O. S. Hike). At least 8 Short-eared Owls at Manitou for several weeks in late winter — still present at this writing (Migrants?).

SWIFTS – SHRIKES:

Red-headed Woodpeckers apparently did not winter at Scottsville. Several reports of Pileated Woodpecker about Mar. 1st. One Yellow-bellied Sapsucker on Mar. 2nd may have wintered (Davis). Several Brown-capped Chickadees in late Fall but none since. A group of Long-billed Marsh Wrens has been wintering at Buck Pond (Barry).

THRUSHES – WARBLERS:

One Catbird at Durand in late December (T. McNett). One Hermit Thrush same place Feb. 27 (Miller). Robins almost entirely absent in contrast to last winter. Only one report of Northern Shrike (Tanghe). A Nashville Warbler was seen at Buck Pond on Dec. 9 (Barry).

BLACKBIRDS – FINCHES:

Several Redwings, two Rusty Blackbirds and two Cowbirds known to have wintered. Pine Grosbeak present all winter in large numbers. At least two separate flocks, up to 60 birds in each. Evening Grosbeak also widespread until about Jan. 1 – rare since. Redpolls, Siskins and Goldfinches present but not common. Six White-winged Crossbills at Highland Park, Jan. 19 (Secker), only report. A Savannah Sparrow on the Christmas census, Dec. 30, was noteworthy (Dolan R.E.) A few Longspurs have been noted in large flocks of Snow Buntings and Horned Larks passing through in recent weeks.

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REGION 4 – ST. LAWRENCE

Winter began early, with snow and cold weather in November. December brought more snow and cold. January and February were less severe. January thaws reduced the snow cover and there were no heavy snowstorms during the latter part of winter.

LOONS – DUCKS:

An immature Bufflehead was seen on Nov. 30 in the Black River above Carthage, a late date for this species.

HAWKS – OWLS:

Rough-legged Hawk near Lowville Nov. 17 (Bowen).

Marsh Hawk near Dexter Nov. 29 (late).

Killdeer near Watertown Nov. 5 with ground snow covered (late).

Snowy Owl, only report, one seen near Edwards in November.

Glaucous Gull, immature, seen near Watertown Dec. 10.

Great Black-backed Gull, showed a marked increase as a wintering bird in the Watertown area.

SWIFTS – SHRIKES:

Prairie horned Lark on Nov. 5 with the ground snow covered. There were literally hundreds of this specie along the highway between Watertown and Philadelphia, N. Y., evidently migrating. Horned larks returned on Feb. 15 and have been seen regularly since.